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## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of October 9, 2002 (Paper No. 13), with a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 9, 2003, and extended to February 9, 2003 by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

## **CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on February 7, 2003.

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